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SUMMARY: JUNE 2 SOVIET PRESS CARRIES REPORT ON BREZHNEV  
MEETING WITH SOMALI FIRST V.P. ALI SAMANTAR. COMMUNIQUE-  
LIKE REPORT STRESSES BILATERAL COOPERATION AND CONDEMNS  
ATTEMPTS BY "FORCES OF IMPERIALISM AND REACTION" TO  
CREATE NEW CENTER OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION IN HORN OF  
AFRICA. EMBASSY LACKS FIRST-HAND INFORMATION, BUT  
NOTES SIGNIFICANCE OF BREZHNEV LEVEL MEETING AND SOVIET  
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ATTEMPT TO PUT GOOD FACE ON SOVIET-SOMALI RELATIONSHIP.  
END SUMMARY.

2. HITHERTO SECRET VISIT TO MOSCOW OF SOMALI  
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ALI SAMANTAR BECAME PUBLIC  
WITH JUNE 2 MORNING PRESS COVERAGE OF HIS JUNE 1  
MEETING WITH BREZHNEV. ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE-

LIKE PRESS ACCOUNT, FONMIN GROMYKO AND POLITBURO  
CANDIDATE MEMBER PONOMAREV ALSO TOOK PART IN "FRIENDLY  
DISCUSSIONS."

3. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS OF PRESS REPORT:

--"PRINCIPLED POLITICAL LINE" OF TWO COUNTRIES OF  
DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS WAS  
"CONFIRMED" AND DETERMINATION TO BROADEN AND DEEPEN  
RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND "ALL AROUND COOPERATION"  
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND TWO POLITICAL PARTIES  
WAS EMPHASIZED;

--"SPECIAL ATTENTION" WAS GIVEN SITUATION IN HORN  
OF AFRICA. CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED IN CONNECTION WITH  
ATTEMPTS OF IMPERIALIST AND REACTIONARY FORCES TO  
CREATE IN THIS REGION A NEW CENTER OF INTERNATIONAL  
TENSION;

--BREZHNEV AND SAMANTAR EXPRESSED "CONFIDENCE" THAT  
THEIR CONVERSATION WOULD ASSIST STRENGTHENING OF  
MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF  
FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

4. COMMENT:

AS WAS CASE DURING RECENT VISIT OF PDRY FONMIN  
(REF B) SOVIET CONCERN OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN RED SEA REGION IS  
EMPHASIZED BY BREZHNEV'S DISCUSSION WITH  
ALI SAMANTAR. WE NOTE THAT BREZHNEV DID NOT  
RECEIVE ALI SAMANTAR LAST AUGUST DURING THAT OFFICIAL  
VISIT AND, AS WAS ALSO THE CASE WITH PDRY FONMIN,  
ALI SAMANATAR'S OWN GOVERNMENTAL AND PARTY STATUS  
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IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY HIGH TO WARRANT ORDINARY ACCESS  
TO BREZHNEV.

5. WE ALSO NOTE SOVIET ATTEMPT TO USE LANGUAGE IN  
PRESS REPORT ON BREZHNEV-SAMANTAR MEETING TO PUT  
FORTH IMAGE OF SUCCESSFUL MEETING AND CONTINUED  
BILATERAL GOOD RELATIONSHIP. HOW CLOSELY THIS CORRES-  
PONDS TO REALITY REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

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